

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 173 – SB 1411**

February 15, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires each county election commission to include on the November 2024 ballot the public policy opinion poll questions of whether Tennessee should legalize medical marijuana, decriminalize possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, and legalize and regulate commercial sales of recreational marijuana. Requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to compile and share the results with each member of the Tennessee General Assembly.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$9,400/FY24-25\***

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-5-211(b), at least five days before the beginning of early voting, the county election commission shall either publish a sample ballot in a newspaper of general circulation or mail the sample ballot to every active registered voter.
- The requirement to add this public policy opinion poll to the 2024 general election ballot will increase the size of the sample ballot to be published and subsequently increase printing costs.
- Based on information previously provided by the SOS, the total statewide mandatory increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated to be up to \$9,400 in FY24-25.
- The SOS will be able to compile and transmit the poll results utilizing existing personnel and resources, without a significant increase in state expenditures.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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